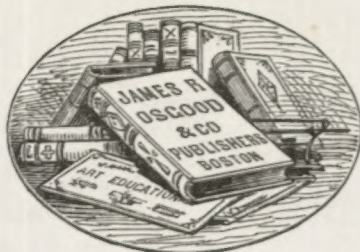


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Boston, March 13, 1879.

My dear Wendell:

I have just called at the office of Dr. Bowker (who is mentioned in the enclosed letter), to examine Dr. Thomson's Autobiography, and also to compare his portrait, as given therein, with the one I forwarded to you; but Dr. B. was not in. I shall call again; but in the mean time I think it well to send you the letter of Mr. French, so that you can readily determine whether you would like to consult Dr. T's Autobiography; and, if so, I will send it to you in a day or two. If your object is to obtain, besides the portrait, the particulars of the Doctor's life and persecutions, this work will be what will exactly meet your wishes.

A line from you on a postal card will suffice.

I suppose Lloyd, Phil and Katherine will be of the party to be given at the Westmoreland House on Saturday, on the completion of Oswald's seventh year. Helen informs me that if all the children invited come, the whole number will not be less than forty-five! No doubt the occasion will be a very enjoyable one to all present.

Of course you have seen William, and he has imparted to you such home intelligence as he could think of; but there is really nothing of interest to communicate. I am glad there are so few callers upon me, as I am feeling anything but elastic in spirit, owing to a nightly lack of sleep, and I have very many letters on hand unanswered. I wish it were not so irksome to me to wield the pen, and that I could write with half your facility.

Your loving Father.